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SUBJECT: ARZEW LNG PLANT

ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE RELEASED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE JAN. 23:
"FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF LAST NOVEMBER (RE ARZEW LNG PLANT)
SONATRACH IN CONTRACT DATED JAN. 21 HAS AWARDED TO US COMPANY OF
INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION, BECHTEL INTERNATIONAL CORP. JOB OF
BUILDING LNG PLANT AT ARZEW. WORK ON THIS PROJECT WAS UNDER-
TAKEN BY US COMPANY, CHEMICO, ON NOVEMBER 10, 1975 (SIC). BUT
SONATRACH DECIDED TO REPLACE THIS BUILDER PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF
POOR PERFORMANCE SHOWN BY CHEMICO AND ACCUMULATED DELAYS. IT IS
ALSO NOTED THAT SONATRACH HAS BEGUN LEGAL ACTION AGAINST
CHEMICO BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE. THE NEW CONTRACT PROVIDES THE NECESSARY MEANS
OF COMPLETING WORK STILL TO BE DONE ON PLANT AND GETTING
INSTALLATION WORKING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CAPACITY OF
PLANT IS 10.5 BILLION CUBIC METERS PER YEAR WHICH IS
INTENDED TO SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH EL PASO GAS. THE
CONSTRUCTION WILL BENEFIT FROM US FINANCING."PARKER
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